Gadwal-Raichur rail line

*169. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gadwal-Raichur rail line work has started;

(b) if so, the total cost of the project; and

(c) the amount allocated for this project in the financial year 2002-2003?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) The final location survey has been completed. Land acquisition is in progress.

(b) Anticipated cost of the project is Rs. 108.91 crore.

(c) Rs. 1 crore.

Failure of NNM Scheme

*170. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the year 2001-2002 was observed as the year of implementation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the National Nutrition Mission Scheme announced by the Prime Minister on Independence Day 2001, for providing subsidized foodgrains to adolescent girls and expectant and nursing mothers below the poverty line families, hardly took off the ground during the year; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the utter failure in implementing the scheme, indicating the steps taken and the progress made in implementing the Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) In pursuance to the announcement made by the Prime Minister on Independence Day 2001, the Planning Commission conveyed approval of special additional Central assistance of Rs. 103.33 crore for 2002-03 to States in July 2002, for a Pilot Project in 51 Districts, under National Nutrition Mission, to provide foodgrains free of cost to identified under-nourished adolescent girls and expectant and nursing mothers and also issued the guidelines.

The funds were released by the Ministry of Finance in October 2002 and the States have started impelementation.

(c) Since the funds have been released in October 2002, the question of failure does not arise.